# Friends of Flight 93

# Minutes, Annual Meeting #2, January 10, 2011 Historic Somerset Trust Building, 131 N. Center Ave., Somerset, Pennsylvania

## I. Welcoming Remarks

President Jerry Spangler welcomed the membership to this meeting which was rescheduled from December 2010 due to inclement weather. Thirty-four members were in attendance, twenty-nine in the room and five via tele-conference.

# II. Review of 2010 – "A Foundation for the Future"

Secretary Donna Glessner presented a slide program illustrating the activities and accomplishments of the Friends organization in 2010, thanking all those who helped make this foundational year productive. A printed annual report which includes statements from each active committee, a financial statement, a list of the charter members of the organization, and a list of donors was distributed. The Annual Report will be posted at the NPS website: <a href="www.nps.gov/flni">www.nps.gov/flni</a> under the "Support Your Parks" tab. The Friends organization now has 114 members located in 11 states.

## III. NPS Update - Status of Construction

Deputy Superintendent Keith Newlin reported on new projects and staffing at Flight 93 National Memorial, and showed photographs of the on-going construction of Flight 93 National Memorial.

## IV. Future Opportunities for Friends

Ed Bowersox provided a status report on the Friends project to landscape around the new National Park Service Headquarters building. Working with a planting plan developed by the project architect, Bowersox is seeking donations of topsoil, trees, and a cistern and handpump. Seedlings have been donated by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. The purpose of the project is to screen and beautify the building, and provide shade and a windbreak. The planting will be accomplished, with the help of volunteers and NPS equipment, in April, probably near Earth Day. Friends were invited to contact Bowersox if they are interested in assisting or making a donation toward the project.

Lance Sturni reported on the need for Friend volunteers to assist with the flag-raising project in 2011. U.S. flags flown over the memorial are given as incentive gifts to donors through the National Park Foundation's capital campaign. Last year 375 were flown by the Friends at the memorial for this program.

Lladel Lichty reported on the Friends organization's involvement in planning for the 2010 September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony and hosting the reception afterward. Planning is underway for the 2011 dedication and ceremony.

#### V. Annual Business Meeting

President Jerry Spangler called the meeting to order, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and established that there was a quorum present. The minutes of the previous

annual meeting were approved as submitted following a motion by Lladel Lichty, seconded by Mary Jane Snyder. Treasurer Mary Jane Snyder expanded on the financial statement contained in the Annual Report, welcomed questions from the membership, and also provided a treasurer's report for the first quarter of this fiscal year. The Treasurer's Report was received, subject to audit.

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2010	
	ASSETS
Current Assets Checking/Savings	
Somerset Trust	2,824.37
Certificate of Deposit	2,674.39
Total Checking/Savings	5,498.76
Total Current Assets	5,498.76
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>5,498.76</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Unrestricted Net Assets	3,710.53
Net Income	1,788.23
Total Equity	5,498.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	5,498.76

The membership then considered four amendments to the by-laws which had been circulated earlier by mail. The by-laws amendments (attached to these minutes) deal with increasing the size of the board to a maximum of fifteen members, changing the time when officers of the board are elected, and instituting an attendance policy for board members. The members voted to approve each of these amendments as follows:

Amendment I: Motion to accept made by Ginny Barnett, seconded by Page Wetterberg Amendment II: Motion to accept made by Glenn Kashurba, seconded by Lladel Lichty Amendment III: Motion to accept made by Ginny Barnett, seconded by Page Wetterberg Amendment IV: Motion to accept made by Mary Jane Snyder, seconded by Stan Jerich

Election of board members was the next item of business. Spangler reviewed voting procedures, particularly for those joining by telephone, and explained that five board members will be elected at this time. Mary Jane Snyder, a member of the nominating committee, reported on the criteria considered for board member candidates, including administrative skills, communication skills, business and financial expertise, legal expertise, fundraising expertise, familiarity with the National Park Service, technology skills, and a passionate commitment to Flight 93 National Memorial. Snyder then presented the following nominees to serve a three-year term: Gene Leonard, Lladel Lichty, Jerry Spangler, Lance Sturni, and Mike Watson. The floor was opened to receive additional nominations from the floor, but none were presented. Glenn Kashurba moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Mary Jane Snyder and approved by the membership. The four candidates who were present each gave brief remarks describing their background and their commitment to the Flight 93 project, expressing their appreciation for the honor of serving as a board member of the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial. The secretary was requested to cast a unanimous ballot for the five on behalf of the membership.

President Spangler next presented Resolution 2011-01(attached), recognizing the contributions of Superintendent Joanne Hanley to the development of Flight 93 National

Memorial and the Friends of Flight 93 in particular, and wishing her well in her retirement from the National Park Service. Hanley spoke movingly of her time in Western Pennsylvania and her appreciation for the work of the Friends. Keith Newlin was welcomed as the new Superintendent of Flight 93 National Memorial.

The members were given opportunity to present comments or ask questions. Several members suggested amending the by-laws to change the Annual Meeting date from December to October or November in order to avoid inclement weather.

Project Manager Jeff Reinbold closed the meeting with thoughts about the upcoming year and the many opportunities for service, and the need for new energy and vision.

The meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Minutes prepared by Donna Glessner, Secretary and Page Wetterberg, Assistant Secretary, Friends of Flight 93 National memorial

Members Attending the 2010 Annual Meeting: Ginny Barnett, Barbara Black, Ed Bowersox, Sydnay Bowersox, Dave Breen, Dawn Cappelli, Fred Cappelli, Mahlon Fuller, Donna Glessner, Karl Glessner, Joanne Hanley, Emily Jerich, Stan Jerich, Glenn Kashurba, Greg Keiling, Gene Leonard, Lladel Lichty, Mary Alice Mankamyer, Matt McCall, Peter Turcik, Linda McClintock, Jeff Reinbold, Kathryn L Ridgway, Kathie Shaffer, Terry L Shaffer, Mary Jane Snyder, Jerry Spangler, Lance Sturni, Chuck Wagner, Gary Wetterberg, Page Wetterberg, Patrick White, Larry Wingard, Grant Woollacott

NPS Staff: Keith Newlin, Joanne Hanley, Jeff Reinbold, Barbara Black